

SENATE RESOLUTION 77

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION honoring Tom Rosseel for his service to his community.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly recognize those Tennesseans who have served their communities with dedication and adroitness for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Tom Rosseel is one such individual who has dedicated his time and energies to serving the residents of Knox County and the Farragut community; and

WHEREAS, he has been a resident of Knox County since 1981 and a proud member of the Farragut community since 1983; and

WHEREAS, for the past fourteen years, Mr. Rosseel has been active in homeowner and community issues, and he has rendered sterling service as the Chairman of the Concerned Citizens of Stonecrest and Powell Acres, coordinating his fellow members in the building of a stronger neighborhood community; and

WHEREAS, in this capacity, Tom Rosseel successfully negotiated the removal of a large power line from a subdivision, the construction of a half-mile-long privacy fence, the creation of buffer zones around the subdivisions, and the placement and maintenance of a regional settlement pond; and

WHEREAS, his fellow citizens elected him to serve as the Alderman for Ward 1 in April of 2005, and to that position he dedicated his full complement of talents and consideration; during his term as Alderman, Mr. Rosseel served as the Secretary of the Farragut Beer Board and stood as a member of the Leisure Services Master Plan Advisory Committee from 2006 until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Tom Rosseel successfully completed the Level II Elected Officials Academy Training sponsored by the University of Tennessee Technical Advisory Service in 2006 and, in 2008, he was recognized by the National League of Cities for attaining the bronze level in the organization's Certificate of Achievement in Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rosseel, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a doctorate in chemistry, is a senior staff member and program manager in the Materials Science and Technology Division at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, he also renders sterling service as a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Vacuum Society, the American Society for Testing and Materials, and Sigma Xi; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Carol, and their son, David; the family holds membership in the St. John Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this Body recognize Tom Rosseel, who has given so much of his time in service to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize Tom Rosseel, applauding his untiring community service and extending our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.